

REMARKS

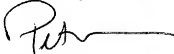
Of the seventeen claims presented for examination in this application, five of them, Claims 44-48, have been indicated to be allowable. These claims remain in the application.

The remaining twelve claims, Claims 34-43, 49 and 50, have been finally rejected. These claims have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants believe that the claims finally rejected are patentable over the final rejection imposed in the outstanding Official Action. Therefore, applicants reserve their right to file a continuation application during the pendency of the present application, directed to Claims 34-43, 49 and 50 of the present application.

Applicants note that all the claims currently in this application, Claims 44-48, have been indicated to be allowable. Therefore, applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Notice of Allowance and passage to issue of the claims currently in this application, Claims 44-48, is therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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